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POND MUST BE DRAINED NOW

HOT DISCUSSION LAST NIGHT
AT COUNCIL MEETING.

SOME NEW APPOINTMENTS

A Great Deal of Routine Business
Transacted and Some Important
Rulings Made.

A lively discussion took place at the city council meeting last night, so lively, in fact, that it grew rather heated at times, between Councilmen Hawley and Rumley, on one side, and Attorney L. J. Martin on the other. The controversy arose over the draining of a pond at Denver avenue and the Frisco right of way, and was precipitated by the reading of a petition, signed by 198 property owners in the neighborhood and on the north side, who asked the council for relief in the matter.

The subject was previously discussed by the old city council, and the last time it was being considered Mr. Martin made a strong plea in behalf of the Tulsa Ice & Cold Storage company, who wanted to keep the pond. At that time a committee was appointed to visit the scene and report the sanitary conditions existing there. The report must have been favorable, for no action was taken towards draining it.

When the city recorder read the petition last night, the original agreement was called for, and read also. Then Hawley immediately arose and said that the parties of the agreement had violated it by not complying with its requirements, and moved that the pond be drained within one week.

Rumley, in a strong speech, seconded the motion.

Randolph asked that the conditions be explained, as he was ignorant of them.

Rumley retorted that the conditions had not been observed, and the people demanded relief.

L. J. Martin implored the council not to act hastily in the matter, and said that the pond had been examined by the last council and by the board of health who had decided that it was not unsanitary. The water was good, there was no question about that. The pond was eighteen feet deep and big fish lived in it, evidencing its quality. If it were at all unsanitary he would insist upon its drainage. The people on the north side were not shut off by it—other streets were open, and there was always a doubt of the Frisco granting right of way there. The Ice company, if driven to it, could run the water further down on their own land, but it would cost them something. Unless there is some valid reason, don't gentlemen, jump on everything good that comes to the town. These parties are spending \$100,000 and will spend another \$100,000. The opposition to them is nothing but spite work, and I don't care who hears me say it.

Hawley said he was nobody's tool. He was an honest man and chairman of the sanitary committee. The pond is unsanitary, and they want to make ice out of the water and sell it to us, and I don't care who hears me say it. I'll not allow the public to be imposed upon.

Martin—Have you examined the pond, Mr. Hawley? It is not surface water, and nothing comes near it of an unsanitary nature. If it is proved so the parties will only be too eager to remove it.

Attorney E. F. Tucker said that Mr. Hawley had expressed the ideas of every sane man. "Only one person, the corporation, asks to retain it—many people want to get rid of it. Shall we allow it to remain? He did not think any argument was needed.

Randolph thought it ought to be brought before the street and alley committee, as there was nothing in the petition referring to its unsanitariness. He thought the board of health ought to pass upon it and the council be guided by its report.

Rumley insisted that the contract had already been annulled by the original grantees. 198 people have asked that it be drained and it should be drained at once.

The mayor, while willing to go on

record on every proposition submitted during the year, would like more time to inquire into the matter. We do not want to place ourselves in an attitude antagonistic to any one, and the weather is not warm enough yet for the pond to hurt anyhow.

Yeager thought it best to act on the question at once. Last year the mosquitoes from the pond nearly ate the people on the north side up.

Hawley pressed for a vote on his motion, and the question was finally put, resulting in a victory for the friends of immediate drainage. Yeager, Hawley, Rumley, Hatch, Yeager, Naes—Randolph, Belt Cupp; Mathewson absent.

The rest of the proceedings were comparatively tame. R. A. Trees was sworn in as treasurer by the mayor.

Randolph reported for the committee on light and water that payment of the bill of the Water Works company against the city be deferred until the end of the quarter.

Rumley asked what the custom was, and did not feel like making a change now.

Randolph said that the city had been paying in advance, but it was a business proposition, and economy demanded their not being so.

Hawley asked if there was money to pay it with, and nobody being able to inform him, the matter was left over until next meeting.

Randolph reported favorably on a draft from the street car company of

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CITIZEN ENDORSED

By a World Reader in Far Off City
of Chicago.

Editor Tulsa World:

I have just received a copy of your paper of the 6th, in which I note an article relative to the new proposed boiler factory in your city. I do not know much about boiler making, but I do know Mr. L. K. Cone, whose name I see connected with the enterprise, and I am prompted by that fact to give the project a hearty word. Mr. Cone is quite well known here in Chicago, where he was for years chief traveling auditor for the Chicago & Rock Island railway, and previous to that was senior traveling auditor for the Burlington, Cedar Rapids & Northern railway, with headquarters at Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

Mr. Cone possesses sterling honesty, perseverance and indomitable energy. I feel certain that with him in the management of such an enterprise there is bound to be success, based on a square deal.

I am not at all concerned in this project, either financially or otherwise, but the opportunity to pay Mr. Cone a deserved compliment, which I deem also to be a compliment to your very enterprising and wide awake city, is open and compels me to embrace it.

I have had unusual opportunities to observe many of the growing towns of the West and Southwest, perhaps more than most individuals, and I want to say without a word of flattery, but with the strictest truth, that I know of no other town, great or small, that has the prospects before it that Tulsa has. I consider its future remarkably bright. Your citizens seem to have an enterprise and energy that is surprising even to the citizens of this city of push, hustle, go in and win. I have been so impressed with this that I am trying to arrange my affairs to make some substantial investments in Tulsa.

Respectfully,

A CHICAGO WORLD READER.

CONVENTION IN ST. LOUIS

St. Louis, April 17.—The Convention of Commercial Clubs and editors of the Southwest under the auspices of the Business Men's League of Missouri, began yesterday. Governors Hoch, of Kansas; Kibbey, of Arizona; Davis, of Arkansas; Hagerman, of New Mexico, are guests of honor. Governor Frantz, of Oklahoma, was unable to come. Some five hundred are in attendance. The object of the convention is to attract attention to the Southwest as one of the best sections in America.

THE CITY BEAUTIFUL

Every citizen of this city should join an improvement association and join with his neighbors in making Tulsa the most beautiful city on the prairies. If there be no such association in your section of the city, call together a few neighbors and form one.

TREASURER'S FINAL REPORT

UTTERLY DISPROVES ALL PRE-
ELECTION STATEMENTS

MONEY IN THE FUNDS

In Only the General Fund is There a
Shortage, and This Is Not Enough
to "Kill The City."

The following is the retiring city treasurer's report for the year, and in making it George Mowbray requests that it be audited at once, and he be relieved of all duties and responsibilities as soon as possible.

Tulsa citizens in reading it will learn how very far from the truth the Democrats were in their pre-election statements. They secured votes from Republicans and Democrats alike simply by misrepresenting the facts in the case and by deliberate and unfounded charges and innuendo against the last city council, the retiring treasurer, and everybody else they could include in their category of abuse.

Figures do not lie, and here they are:

Balance carried forward from
Third quarter \$19,719.18
Receipts from all sources for
Fourth quarter 46,700.06

Total \$66,419.24
Expenditures from all funds
Fourth quarter 53,888.43

Balance in treasury \$12,580.81
Receipts for year commencing
April 14, '05 and ending
April 10, '06 155,769.83
Expenses for same year 143,189.02

Balance in treasury \$12,580.81
This balance is divided among the
different funds as follows:

General fund \$ 868.00
School fund 4,834.85
School building fund 35.64
Contingent fund 1,372.03
Electric light fund 1,155.98
Interest and sinking school
bond funds 2,206.87
Interest sinking sewer fund 2,107.44

Total \$12,580.81

There are outstanding warrants against the general fund to the amount of \$3,970.93, from which take \$868, and a balance against the fund is left of \$3,102.93. All of the other funds are in good shape.

What becomes of the statements of the Democrat and those the Democrat was supporting, in the face of the above report, and where is the great debt Tulsa was staggering under, owing to the mismanagement of a Republican council?

BY WAY OF TULSA.

Railroad Through Indian Territory to
Denison, Texas.

Kansas City, April 14.—The Times says:

It is reported on good authority that E. H. Harriman is to build a road from Kansas City through Indian Territory to Denison, Texas.

Strained relations between the Harriman and the Yoakum Rock Island-Frisco interests are said to be the chief reasons for the Harriman move. The Harriman interests resent the activities of the Yoakum group in building new lines in Southern Pacific territory.

Stuart R. Knott, former president of the Kansas City Southern railway, who is said to represent the Harriman interests in the present project, declined today to discuss the matter.

HIAWATHA REBEKAHS, NO. 103.

The Hiawatha Rebekahs, No. 103, will meet on Friday evening next, in Fraternal hall for the transaction of regular business. Visiting members are cordially invited, and final arrangements will be perfected for the big dinner on the 26th of this month.

REAL ESTATE DEAL.

A house and lot in the Perryman addition were sold yesterday by the Bael-Rodolf Investment Co., to Mr. William Guthrie. Consideration, \$1,600.

SPRINGFIELD LYNCHINGS

INVESTIGATION, RIGID AND SE-
VERE, IS GOING ON.

NUMEROUS INDICTMENTS

Judge Lincoln Addresses Some Plain
Advice to Jury—Fund for Slay-
ing of Negro.

Springfield, Mo., April 17.—Leslie Peters, the white boy who shot and killed Ralph Burns, a negro, last night, when the latter and a negro companion, attacked Peters and his sweetheart, is very popular here today. If any charge is preferred against Peters it will be a mere formality. Quiet reigned again this morning, but Sheriff Homer said he would not be surprised if the mobs invaded the negro settlements after dark tonight. No militia are stationed there.

C. A. Waterhouse is foreman of the grand jury that is investigating the lynchings. The Reverend Harlow, who denounced the mob from his pulpit, is also a member. The others are merchants and farmers. Addressing the jury today Judge Lincoln said: "All persons, their aiders and abettors, engaged in this shameful outrage, are in the eyes of the law guilty of first degree murder. You are expected to do your duty without fear or favor. Let the lash fall where it will, the path of safety lies in the most rigorous investigation. That night's scene turned backward the hands on the dial of our progress." The judge told the jury to indict negroes also if they found occasion. Rumors are in circulation that the prosecuting officials have named a hundred participants in the lynching. If all these are indicted the jail will be filled to overflowing, as the offense is not bailable.

Assistant Attorney General Kenish has arrived for the prosecutions. Three more arrests were made today. Emmett Kinney, a tailor, whose father was killed by negroes last Christmas; Fred Shrokey, a carpenter; and Harry Carson, a laborer. Bond is being arranged for each. The business men have started a project to raise a fund of honor for Leslie Peters. One of the promoters said he expected it would reach a thousand dollars before night.

That Peters saved his sweetheart from a horrible fate at the hands of negro brutes is the general opinion. Not a negro appeared on the streets today, unless accompanied by some well known white man. The killing of Ralph Burns has materially increased the incendiary sentiment, and there is much talk about a torch light procession through the negro settlements tonight.

BASE BALL.

Miners Win again from Oilers—Score
8 to 4.

The game in Joplin yesterday was equally as good as the one played Sunday, altho not witnessed by so large a crowd.

The Oilers made 8 runs, 6 hits and 3 errors to the Oilers' 4 runs, 5 hits and 7 errors.

Batteries for Joplin—Wilkinson and Vanderhill; for Tulsa—Harlan and Hiberling.

The batteries for the return game to be played in Tulsa tomorrow are: For Joplin—Smith and Hiberling; for Tulsa—Vanderhill and Morris.

The game this evening in the zinc and lead city is looked forward to with a great deal of interest, and while it is not expected the Oilers can win, yet their form in the last two games was so good that the unexpected may happen and would not surprise anyone.

"Shaft has a good team and a fast one," is the general opinion.

MOUNDS HAS GAS.

A big gas well was brought in on the Eek Brook land, two miles north-east of Mounds, last night. The flow of gas was unexpected, and hurried one of the drillers out of the derrick and against a boiler standing near, seriously injuring him. There was a torch burning in the derrick, and

this set the gas well on fire. The flame shot one hundred feet above the derrick, which was quickly consumed. An effort was immediately made to stop the well, but it was unsuccessful. This is the first gas well that has been brought in in this section, where a new oil field has just been brought in.

THE SMALL GRAFTER.

Maskogue, I. T., April 17.—If reports be true, an epidemic of graft has struck Indian Territory. The latest comes from Wetumka and was reported here today. This report is that a man named Butler has been among the Indians in the western part of the Creek country representing that he could get placed on the rolls for allotment Indians who had been refused by the commission. He made dates to meet them at certain towns, Wetumka being one of them. Many Indians came. He charged them \$4 notary fee and they signed small notes to be paid when they were placed on the roll. It is said that these notes were immediately collected. The Dawes commission will investigate the extent of the graft.

CHARGED WITH MURDER.

Ardmore, I. T., April 17.—James E. Martin and two sons were lodged in the federal jail last night, having been committed by United States Commissioner Pfeiffer. Martin and sons, it is alleged, killed two men named Mullins and Dean, cattlemen living near Paul's Valley. The trouble originated over a fence. The Martins allege self defense.

Two other men named Henderson and Meeks were also wounded in the fight. Martin is a cattleman living near Paul's Valley.

MORE OIL DISCOVERED.

Gwendale, I. T., April 17.—Oil has been discovered on the Cornatzer place, five miles southwest of Vinita, and quite a lot of land has been leased by certain parties, who expect to develop the same if congress, grafters and other untoward circumstances do not hinder.

STATEHOOD BILL UP AGAIN.

Conferees Standing Out for Original
Hamilton Bill.

Washington, April 17.—With the return of Senator Beveridge, Congressmen Brick and others, arrangements will be made for meeting the conferees on the statehood bill. The house conferees seem disposed to stand out for Hamilton bill as originally passed.

JUDGE JENNINGS LEAVES.

Judge Samp Jennings has accepted a position with the Missouri Pacific as claim agent, and will leave Sapulpa. Mr. Jennings is to have his headquarters at Little Rock, and his family will move there in the near future. Mr. Jennings' Tulsa friends are pleased to see him the recipient of a good position.

A NEW OIL COMPANY IN TULSA.

The Mid-Continent Oil company, a company financed by the Douglas-Lacy company of New York, has begun development two and a half miles west of Tulsa. They will begin drilling in Monday. John DeHart, who will manage the property at this place, was in the city yesterday and made all necessary arrangements.

TULSA ARCHITECT LANDS.

Lee Matthews, the architect, came up from Tulsa with the plans for the new Masonic building, which were approved by the building committee, and arrangements will be made to commence as soon as possible.—Pawhuska Capital.

BORN—A BOY.

A fine boy baby was born to Mr. and Mrs. Q. E. Burkhardt of Los Angeles, California, on Saturday evening last. Mrs. Burkhardt is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Gilmore, of 418 Guthrie avenue, and is now visiting with her parents. Mother and babe are doing well.

A. H. Prince and wife of Stillwater, Oklahoma, are visiting with Mr. Prince's stepfather, William Query, of this city.

THE HOOSIERS ORGANIZED

BIG CROWD OF INDIANIANS
MET LAST NIGHT.

OFFICERS WERE NAMED

Arranged for a Picnic at Pole Cat
Creek near Jenks on Thursday,
April 26th, Next.

A second meeting of Indiana people now residing in Tulsa was held in the Commercial Club rooms last night. The attendance was large and enthusiastic.

After being called to order by acting president Dr. C. O. Hood, the meeting proceeded to the prime purpose of the call, that of effecting a permanent organization.

This was done by the selection of the following officers: President, L. B. Pence; vice president, Mrs. J. H. Johnson; secretary, Wilbur W. Neal; treasurer, Dr. C. O. Hood.

O. P. Mauck, C. L. Flesham and Dr. Hendershot were appointed a committee to draft a constitution and by-laws, and when completed a permanent roll of membership will be opened, and all Hoosiers living in or in the vicinity of Tulsa, invited to become members of what hereafter will be known as the Hoosier Club of Tulsa.

When the more sedate business had been accomplished the meeting took up the subject of the great picnic. A vote taken resulted in making the first picnic strictly a Hoosier affair in order that all former Indianians can have this opportunity of becoming acquainted.

After considerable discussion, Thursday, April 26, was selected as the date. On hearing the report of the committee on grounds, Polecat creek, near Jenks, was selected as the place for holding the picnic. The Midland Valley railway has agreed to give a round trip rate of fifty cents to Jenks, and run trains down and back on such time as is sure to be satisfactory to all. Further, J. E. Hopkins, whose grounds will be utilized, agrees to sink a well and to take all people to the picnic grounds not desiring to walk. The outing committee previously appointed was retained with instructions to select the exact site for the picnic and arrange for putting the grounds in good shape.

Messrs. Reardon and Probst were appointed a concession committee to whom such matters are referred.

Every Hoosier in Tulsa is most cordially invited to participate in the picnic and become allied with the club. There should be several hundred fellow statesmen of James Whitecomb Riley out at Jenks on April 26. Remember the date.

At 9:30 the club adjourned to meet next Monday night, the place of meeting to be announced in both papers.

CANTON, TULSA, NO. 5.

Organized Wednesday Night With
Full Corps of Officers.

Canton, Tulsa, No. 5, a uniform degree of the I. O. O. F. was organized Wednesday night by Major A. Haight, acting department commander.

Twenty-two members were enrolled as a commencement in this organization, which is expected to increase rapidly and grow into great strength.

The following officers were appointed: George W. Mowbray, Senior, Commandant; O. P. Mauck, Lieutenant; A. J. Shaw, Ensign; H. C. Miller, Clerk; Geo. P. Hull, Accountant.

A GREAT FISHERMAN.

Manager Jewell, of the Robinsons, went fishing in a wagon bed on Main street this morning and caught a 75-pound Mississippi catfish. He used a silver hook.

The fish was the largest one of a haul of 40 pulled out of Bird Creek last night by H. M. Lambertson, of Catoosa, and has probably caused more acute attacks of spring fever, of the "want-to-go-fishin'" type than any old "yaller" cat that ever came to Tulsa.